

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A mirror assembly for viewing a child sitting in a rear-facing child seat positioned on a vehicle seat having a seat back, with a front surface, and a head rest, with a front surface, being interconnected to each other by at least one support bar positioning the front surface of seat back and front surface of the head rest apart from one another with a gap therebetween, comprising:

a base plate having a left edge and a right edge and a rear surface; the rear surface of the base plate being capable of communicating in communication with the front surface of the seat back and the front surface of head rest and spanning across the gap between the seat back and the head rest;

a mirror housing adjustably connected to the base with an asymmetrically positioned pivoting ball and socket joint thereby enabling additional clearance past the base plate during adjustment of the mirror housing;

a mirror attached to the mirror housing;

a left fastening strap, having an inner end and an outer end; the inner end of the left fastening strap being connected to the left edge of the base plate;

a right fastening strap, having an inner end and an outer end; the inner end of the right fastening strap being connected to the right edge of the base plate; and

the left fastening strap and the right fastening strap being routable about the at least one support bar; the outer end of the left fastening strap and the outer end of the right fastening strap being removably connected to one another thereby being capable of

securing the base plate in communication with the front surface of the seat back and the front surface of the head rest.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The mirror assembly of Claim 1, further comprising:
connector means for removably coupling the outer end of the ~~first~~ left fastening strap and the outer end of the ~~second~~ right fastening strap.

4. (withdrawn) The mirror assembly of claim 1, wherein the mirror housing and mirror are circular-shaped, and the base plate is circular-shaped.

5. (withdrawn) The mirror assembly of claim 1, wherein the mirror housing and mirror are square-shaped, and the base plate is square-shaped.

6. (withdrawn) The mirror assembly of claim 1, wherein the mirror housing and mirror are octagonal-shaped, and the base plate is square-shaped.

7. (withdrawn) The mirror assembly of claim 1, wherein the mirror housing and mirror are rectangular-shaped, and the base plate is square-shaped.

8. (previously presented) The mirror assembly of claim 1, wherein the mirror housing and the mirror are circular-shaped, and the base plate is square-shaped.

9. (previously presented) The mirror assembly of claim 1, further comprising a foam pad adhered to the rear surface of the base plate.

10. (currently amended) The mirror assembly of claim 1, further comprising:
a middle fastening strap portion interconnecting the ~~first~~ left fastening strap and the ~~second~~ right fastening strap to provide a unitary elongated strap member; the base plate including multiple slots therein for receiving the middle fastening strap portion therethrough.
11. (previously presented) The mirror assembly of claim 3, wherein the connector means comprises a slotted buckle.
12. (previously presented) The mirror assembly of claim 3, wherein the connector means comprises male and female connectors.
13. (previously presented) The mirror assembly of claim 3, wherein the connector means comprises fastening hooks and loops.
14. (canceled)